

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 11 October 2007 Room 119 Sir Alexander Fleming Building, Imperial College Road.

Present: Roderick Rhys Jones (Chair), Manu Duggal (Treasurer), Liz Gregson, Rita Leek, Rodney Allen, and about 40 members.

1. Apologies

1.1. Apologies received from Olivia Cox, Renée Medney, Morten Olessen, Richard Tang, and Philip Temple.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

2.1. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

3. Matters arising not dealt with under other items

3.1. There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

4.1. The Chairman presented his report which was accepted. The report is available on the Friends website.

5. Treasurer's Report

5.1. The Treasurer report was accepted. It showed an income of £9792.00 and an expenditure of £8157.65. A donation of £1000 to the College was proposed and the surplus of £3973.25 was carried forward from the previous year giving a surplus of £3973.35 at the end of the financial year 17 August.

5.2. The Treasurer proposed to close the books on 31 August in future years. This was accepted.

6. Changes to the Constitution

6.1. The proposed changes to the Constitution were accepted.

6.2. Under the Constitution all subscription rates had to be approved at an AGM which takes place normally in October, two months after the beginning of the year¹ September. This means that a change can only be implemented from the beginning of the following year. The Committee proposes changes to the Constitution which allow it the power to set subscription rates for the following year. There are a number of other tidying up changes to the wording.

6.3. The new Constitution is available on the Friends website.

7. Subscription Rates

7.1. It was agreed that the 2007/08 subscription would remain the same at £25 per member (reduced to £20 for payment by Standing Order or use of email address) for the whole year commencing 1st October.

7.2. It was agreed that there would only be one step reduction to £15 per member (reduced to £10 for Standing Order and email) for the half-year commencing 1st April."

8. Election of Committee Members

8.1. Two committee members were proposed and elected: Liz Gregson who is now Head of Alumni Relations and Communications in the Office of Alumni and Development. She is particularly supportive of Friends for a number of years; John Sanderson who is an alumnus of the College having read Physics at the Royal College of Science. He is currently President of the Royal College of Science Association.

9. Any other business

9.1. The Chairman asked for opinions on whether events should start earlier than the usual hour of 19,00h. Opinion was divided however it was felt that the start time should reflect the timing of the event and the convenience of the College.

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